

**REMARKS**

The issues outstanding in the instant application are as follows:

- Claims 1–5 are allowed; and
- Claims 14 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Crocker, U.S. Pat. No. 5,773,995 (hereinafter *Crocker*).


Although Applicant respectfully maintains that claims 14 and 18 are not anticipated by *Crocker*, Applicant has canceled claims 14 and 18 above in order that allowed claims 1–5 to issue. Whereas only allowed claims 1–5 will remain upon entry of the amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the present amendment be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10971265-3, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that the attorney can be helpful in resolving any remaining issues or can otherwise be helpful in expediting prosecution of the present application.


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